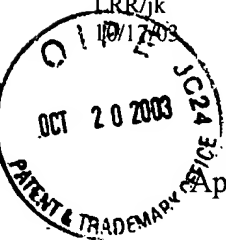


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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 30, 2003 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

Please amend the application as follows: